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SUBJ: GOP WILL CONTINUE TO CONTROL PRESS

1. IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED IN RECENT MONTHS THAT THE GOP WOULD NOT HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO TURN OVER CONTROL OF THE DAILY PRESS TO ORGANIZED SECTORS IN JULY AS PROVIDED BY THE 1975 MODIFICATION OF ORIGINAL 1974 EXPROPRIATION DECREE. THE POLITICAL RISK OF TURNING OVER CONTROL OF THE PRESS TO GOP-ORGANIZED SECTORS WOULD BE GREAT. CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE PEASANT CONFEDERATION (CNA) AND THE LABOR COMMUNITIES (CONACI) ARE TO THE LEFT OF THE GOP AND NOT ENTIRELY UNDER ITS CONTROL. THEY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LEFTIST FORMER PREMIER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO. ON JULY 20 THE GOP ISSUED A DECREE LAW DECLARING THAT "SINCE ADEQUATE CONDITIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE DAILY NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE SECTORS OF THE POPULATION HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED, THE FOLLOWING IS DECREED..." (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION).

2. THE DECREE DECLARED THAT DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS OF THE DAILIES WOULD HENCEFORTH BE NAMED BY SUPREME RESOLUTION, ENDORSED BY THE CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION.

3. THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION WILL ALSO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTERING LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARDS, BY-LAWS
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